



PATENT
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Applicant : Jacob Richter Group Art Unit: 3738
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For : STENT WITH VARIABLE FEATURES TO OPTIMIZE SUPPORT
AND METHOD OF MAKING SUCH STENT

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper responds to an Official Action mailed on June 21, 2004, for which a three month shortened statutory period of time for response expired September 21, 2004. A Petition and Fee for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith. Applicant presents the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth in page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.